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1. Departure of Ground Crews and Equipment

Four transports left Welsow airfield on 26, 28, and 30 September, carrying approximately two thirds of the personnel and some of the equipment previously on the airfield. The composition of the transports was as follows:

a. 26 September, approximately 1130 hours

50 officers with their families, and 400 airmen
4 three-axle fuel trucks
10 trucks
12 covered rail trucks
1 crate, 10 m. long and 2 m. high, on a flatcar. (See paragraph 3.)

b. 28 September, 1100-1200 hours

50 officers with their families in two coaches, and about 500 airmen
6 fuel trucks
8 trucks
2 fuel tanks of an estimated capacity of 18,000 liters each, which had been dug up and placed on flatcars
1 crate, 10 m. long and 2 m. high, on a flatcar.

c. 30 September

Two transports each of approximately the same composition as that on 28 September.

d. All the above transports left via NEU PETERSHAIN. Their destination is unknown, but fuel stoves and cooking gear were fitted to some of the trucks in each transport.

e. The above represents an estimated total of two thirds of the air-force personnel at the airfield. The number of fuel trucks left is unknown.

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2. Personnel and Aircraft Strength

- a. Estimated strength in personnel on 1 October was upwards of 1,000 airmen.
- b. None of the IL 28's or U-IL 28's had left on 1 October.

3. Supplies

a. Fuel

- (1) 10-12 four-axle rail tankers have arrived weekly at the airfield from Ruhland since the arrival of the IL 28's in July. Tank contents vary between 18,000 - 20,000 liters and 28,000 and 30,000 liters.
- (2) The tank cars usually arrive at weekends on a Friday or Saturday. They are unloaded immediately on arrival, after which the tankers are normally shunted to the station railway siding. Unloading usually begins about 1130 hours and may last until 1700 hours. Sentries patrol the area during unloading. It is quite customary for the empty wagons to remain on the siding until Monday.
- (3) The average delivery of aviation fuel to the airfield during the presence of the IL 28's has been 1,000,000 to 1,200,000 liters monthly.
- (4) MT fuel arrives from time to time in single rail-tanker loads.

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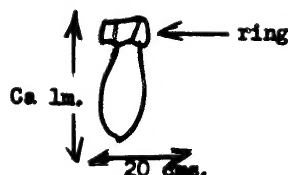
b. Bombs

A quantity of bombs arrived at the airfield by rail in mid-August in trucks liberally bedecked with red warning flags. The bombs, approximately 1m. long with diameter of about 20 cms. at the somewhat bluntly rounded tip, were estimated to be 50-kilogram bombs.

carried in boxes made of wooden slats.

No fins were visible. They were

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Sketch shows approximate shape of bomb.

c. Wooden Crates

- (1) At the beginning of August a total of 18 wooden crates on flatcars arrived at the airfield in three separate lots of six each. The last six arrived on 8 August. Each crate was about 10m. long and 2m. high and the width of the flatcar. They had cardboard-covered tops. There was a small door 1.6m. high by 1m. wide at the rear. When observation was possible through an open door, slats and compartments consistent with supports for spare parts were visible.
- (2) On arrival at the station railway siding, the crates were pulled down a ramp with the help of tractors and cable. They were then roughly hauled on to the airfield area via the sports ground. As they had no wheels but only bulky sleighlike wooden runners, they tore up the earth considerably.
- (3) One of these crates left with each of the transports on 26, 28, and 30 September.

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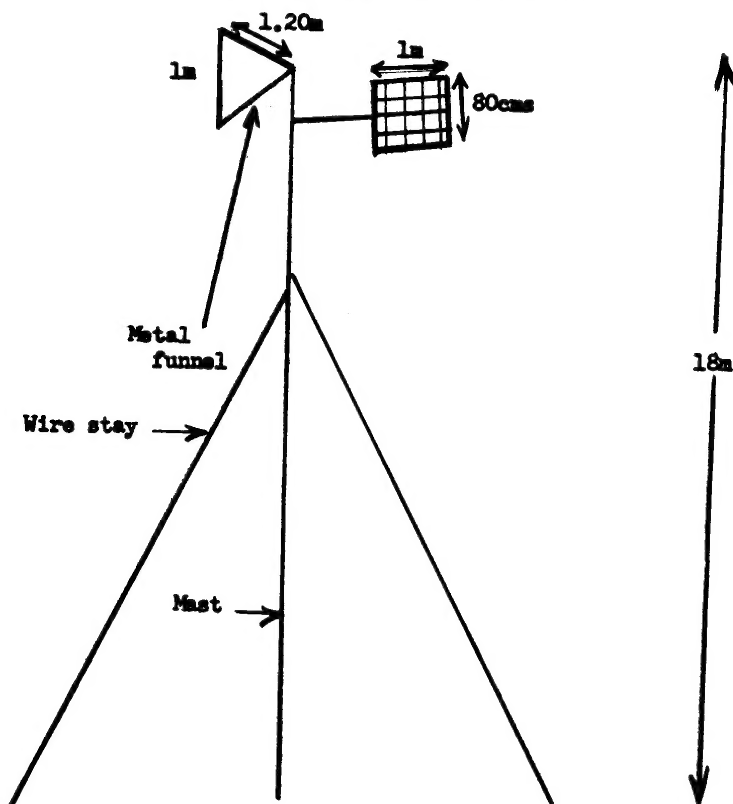
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4. Radar/Radio

- a. A Crossfork and Fishnet were located at VT 412161 until 29 September. On that date the Fishnet only was dismantled, the Crossfork remaining. The base of this area has lately been surrounded by a built-up wall of earth.
- b. The control van at the take-off is flanked by one of three different types of beacon, i.e:
- (1) a 6m-high simple mast
 - (2) a 10m-high simple mast
 - (3) a 12m-high mast with a "basket-shape" aerial at the top.

The last-named aerial was noticed after the removal of the Fishnet on 29 September.

- c. At Geisendorf (approximately VT 440191) an aerial at the top of an 18m.-high mast is sited at right angles to the line of approach of landing aircraft. The aerial array does not rotate. Aircraft invariably fly about 100 meters to starboard of this array when coming in to land.

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5. Aircraft Dispersal

- a. The revetments at the northeast portion of the airfield readily visible from the railway were empty and unused during September.
- b. 24-26 U-IL 28's were parked in a long line to the east of the airfield. The center of this line is approximately VT 410140.
- c. 12 IL 28's were parked in revetments at approximately VT 403144.
- d. 12 IL 28's were parked on hardstands at approximately VT 396137, partially concealed by woods.
- e. The bulk of the IL 28's were distributed on and between 28 revetments to the east of the runway. One IL 28 was parked inside the revetments with another IL 28 outside the shelter and at an angle to it on each side. The estimated total in this area is upwards of 80.
- f. Thus the total for the above is upwards of 130.
- g. The hardstands for the aircraft parked on partially cleared areas in the woods are not concreted. It is not known whether they have been specially hardened in any way.
- h. The U-IL 28's were identified by their longer cabin, closed-in nose, and absence of armament. They are identical with the single IL 28 previously stated to have "a larger protuberance" at the upper surface of the cabin than the others" when the IL 28's arrived in July.²

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- a. The U-IL 28 [REDACTED] 25X1
- b. A number of IL 28's, [REDACTED] 25X1
- c. Another group of IL 28's, [REDACTED] 25X1
- d. Some IL 28's, [REDACTED] 25X1

7. Flying Activity/Discipline

- a. The standard of flying, as well as personal discipline, of the Soviet Air Force units at Welsow airfield since July have been outstandingly good. No crash landing or damage has been reported.
- b. Air activity, mainly individual flights at great heights, appeared to be heavy prior to 21 September.
- c. (1) On 21 September at 1130 hours, a siren with a warbling note was heard for one minute. Two minutes later the noise of jet engines was audible.
(2) At 1136 hours, i.e. six minutes after the siren, nine IL 28's took off at 10-second intervals. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] At 1142 hours, these aircraft were at an estimated length of 6,000 meters, flying in a northeasterly direction in an arrowhead formation of three vics of three. Formation flying was noticeably good with estimated gaps of 50 meters, as seen from the ground, between individual aircraft in each vic and about double that distance between vics.

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- (3) At 1222 hours the aircraft, still in formation, returned at a height of 400 meters. While approaching, the port aircraft in the leading vic turned to port. Five seconds later it was followed by the leading aircraft, and that to starboard of it also five seconds later. The identical procedure was followed by the lefthand vic and then by the starboard vic. All the aircraft then landed in line ahead with an interval of approximately one kilometer between landing aircraft.

8. New Construction

- a. There is now accommodation for married families in 12 blocks in the area between the railspur and the Welsow - Neu Petershain railway. Each block can accommodate 12 - 15 families. The accommodation could easily be used as barrack accommodation if so required.
- b. In addition there are two concrete hardstands about 60m. long by 20m. wide between the above site and the sports ground. They are covered by canvas.

9. AA

- a. (1) AA has been identified at VT 396157. There, 8 x 8.5cm. guns in earth pits are well camouflaged to suit the surrounding terrain.
- (2) A short distance away at VT 396158 is a new one-story barrack about 80 m. by 80 m. Fifty meters east of this are 4 x 3.7-cm. guns.
- b. At VT 416 155 are a number of 8.5cm. and 3.7cm. guns. The precise number is uncertain but is estimated at a maximum of 12 x 8.5 cm. and 6 x 3.7 cm. guns.

10. Army Troops

It is estimated that there were, on 1 October, 4-5,000 infantry and engineer troops in a tented camp at VT 410144.

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